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SUBJ: N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE REPORTS USG PLOTTING ALLEGATIONS

1. THERE FOLLOWS EXTRACT FROM NEW YORK TIMES AUGUST 15 (SANTIAGO DATELINE AUGUST 14 BY MARVINE HOWE) REPORTING FURTHER ALLEGATIONS THAT AMBASSADOR DAVIS AND STAFF ARE SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. U.S. ENVOY ATTACKED. MEANWHILE, THE LEFT-WING PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION STEPPED UP THEIR CHARGES OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN CHILE'S POLITICAL CRISIS. THERE WERE NEW ACCUSATIONS THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR NATHANIEL DAVIS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY WERE AGENTS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND SOUGHT TO OVERTHROW DR. ALLENDE'S SOCIALIST-ORIENTED GOVERNMENT.

3. THE U.S. EMBASSY DECLINED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THE ATTACKS, WHICH WERE GENERALLY BELIEVED TO BE THE LEFTISTS' ANSWER TO RIGHT-WING CHARGES THAT CUBANS HAVE MEDDLED IN THE CURRENT TROUBLES HERE.

4. IT WAS NOT CLEAR TODAY WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WAS BEHIND THE ANTI-UNITED STATES CAMPAIGN. THE NEW CABINET FORMED BY PRESIDENT ALLENDE LAST WEEK INCLUDES FOUR GENERALS BUT IT IS STILL DOMINATED BY THE LEFTIST PARTIES. UP TO NOW,
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DR. ALLENDE HAS NOT ATTACKED THE U.S. EXCEPT IN RELATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORPORATION SCANDAL, IN WHICH THE U.S. COMPANY WAS SAID TO HAVE PLOTTED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO TRY TO PREVENT HIS ELECTION IN 1970.

5. THE ATTACKS ON THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE WERE LAUNCHED BY THE SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER ULTIMA HORA, WHICH OFTEN REFLECTS GOVERNMENT THINKING. IN AN EDITORIAL AND TWO ARTICLES YESTERDAY, ULTIMA HORA DENOUNCED AMBASSADOR DAVIS AS "AN AGENT OF THE C.I.A." AND ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY OF FINANCING THE CURRENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT STRIKE AS WELL AS THE 40-DAY GENERAL STRIKE OF LAST OCTOBER.

6. EMBASSY ACCUSED OF PLOTTING. LAST NIGHT THE FAR LEFT-WING UNIVERSITY TELEVISION CHANNEL ACCUSED THE U.S. EMBASSY OF AIMING TO "OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT" AND CALLED AMBASSADOR DAVIS AND SEVEN MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF "AGENTS OF THE C.I.A."

7. RADIO COOPERACION AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER EL SIGLO RENEWED THE ATTACKS THIS MORNING. THE RADICAL LEFT-WING WEEKLY MAGAZINE PUNTO FINAL CAME OUT TODAY WITH A LENGTHY REPORT ON THE U.S. MILITARY AID TO CHILE AND CALLED FOR AN END TO THE 21-YEAR OLD MUTUAL AID PACT, CHARGING THAT IT WAS AN INFRINGEMENT ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

8. THE UNITED STATES HAS KEPT UP ITS MILITARY AID PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH IT SUSPENDED OTHER AID WHEN CHILE NATIONALIZED THE AMERICAN-OPERATED COPPER MINES HERE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. THE U.S. HAS A MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM HERE THAT COST \$1-MILLION LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES.

9. MILITARY AID GRANTS HALTED. OUTRIGHT MILITARY AID GRANTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE DR. ALLENDE CAME TO POWER, BUT SALES OF MILITARY SUPPLIES ARE CONTINUING. WITHIN UNCLASSIFIED

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RECENT MONTHS CHILE HAS PURCHASED THREE L.S.T.'S, OR LANDING SHIP TANKS, EIGHT T-37 TRAINER PLANES AND SPARE PARTS FOR ALL SERVICES.

10. LEFT-WING CIRCLES HERE ARE SAID TO FEEL STRONGLY THAT THERE WAS U.S. INFLUENCE IN THE ATTEMPTED MILITARY COUP IN JUNE.

11. SOME POLITICAL SOURCES FEEL THAT THE SUDDEN AND
VIRULENT ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY ARE
MERELY A DESPERATE ATTEMPT BY THE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORTERS
TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM THE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT
INTERNAL SITUATION. END QUOTE ROGERS

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